Ordination of Pamela Cole 6/7/70

6/7/70

The flowers this morning for the Glory of God are given by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole.

Coffee will be served in the Coggin Room following the morning worship service.

Today is the end of Church School for the summer. Next Sunday the morning worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. for the summer.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY - 3:30 p.m. Miss Pamela Cole will be ordained in this sanctuary. Reception to follow. 7 p.m. Senior F.F.
Monday - 9 a.m. Prayer Meeting
8 p.m. Topsfield Congregational Parish House - speaker - Dr. Jerome Miller head of the Dept. of Youth Services will talk of what youth "corrections" are all about. Donation - Adults$1. Youth 50¢.
Tues. - 9 a.m. Prayer Meeting
9:30 a.m. Old Testament Character Study- 7 p.m. Jr. High Discussion Group
7:45 p.m. Senior Choir
Wed.- 6:30 a.m. Mens Discussion Group
9 a.m. Prayer Meeting
9:30 a.m. Discussion Group
7:15 p.m. High School Discussion Group
Thurs.- 9 a.m. Prayer Meeting
9:30 a.m. Discussion Group
8 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Fri. - 9 a.m. Prayer Meeting
9:30 a.m. Discussion Group
Saturday - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. BAKE SALE at Johnson's Store sponsored by Guild.
SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 a.m.

1838 - 1938

SERVICES IN CELEBRATION OF THE

One Hundredth Anniversary

of the building of the third meeting-house

and of calling and settling as parish minister
DOCTOR WILLIAM SYMMES COGGIN

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BOXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
August 13-14, 1938

Organized in 1702

The Sawyer House

Redecorated

The Sawyer House Redecorated

Rev. William R. Huber & Miss Amy Parkhurst

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BOXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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A Service of Installation
for Deacons
Newly Elected ~~Officers~~

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At the appointed time, the new officers shall take their places before the platform, with those already in office behind them. Then shall the Minister say:

Christian friends, we have met in the presence of God that we may recognize His call, received and acknowledged by these of our fellowship, to posts of leadership in this portion of His Holy Church. As they come in a spirit of devotion to assume the offices for which they have been chosen, it is our obligation to support them by our loyalty and prayers, seeking with them and for them the consecration which is from on high, that they may be enabled to discharge their responsibilities with reverence and faithfulness and to the glory of God.

Ladies Benevolent Society
1846 - 1971

125th Anniversary

See pg. 58 "Church History" no. 8

CONSTITUTION
—AND—
LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
—OF THE—
Boxford Natural History Society,

FOUNDED MAY 28TH, 1881.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be THE BOXFORD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

The object shall be to encourage interest in the study of the different branches of natural history.

ARTICLE III.

The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and curator, to be chosen by ballot at the first meeting in July, annually; and also an executive committee of seven, of which the president, vice-president and secretary shall be *ex-officio* members, the remaining members to be chosen by nomination at the same meeting.

Oak Hill Parsonage - First Parish Church
Built 1869 Cost $4000 by Samuel Ayers

First Church - about 1940

Miss Amy Parkhurst, Mr. John W. Parkhurst
Mr. Winthrop P. Haynes, Dr. Charles L. Atkins
Miss Winnifrid C. Parkhurst

First Cong. Church, Boxford -
June 1928

Dr. Charles L. Atkins

Dr. Atkins & the Trull Children

First Cong. Church.

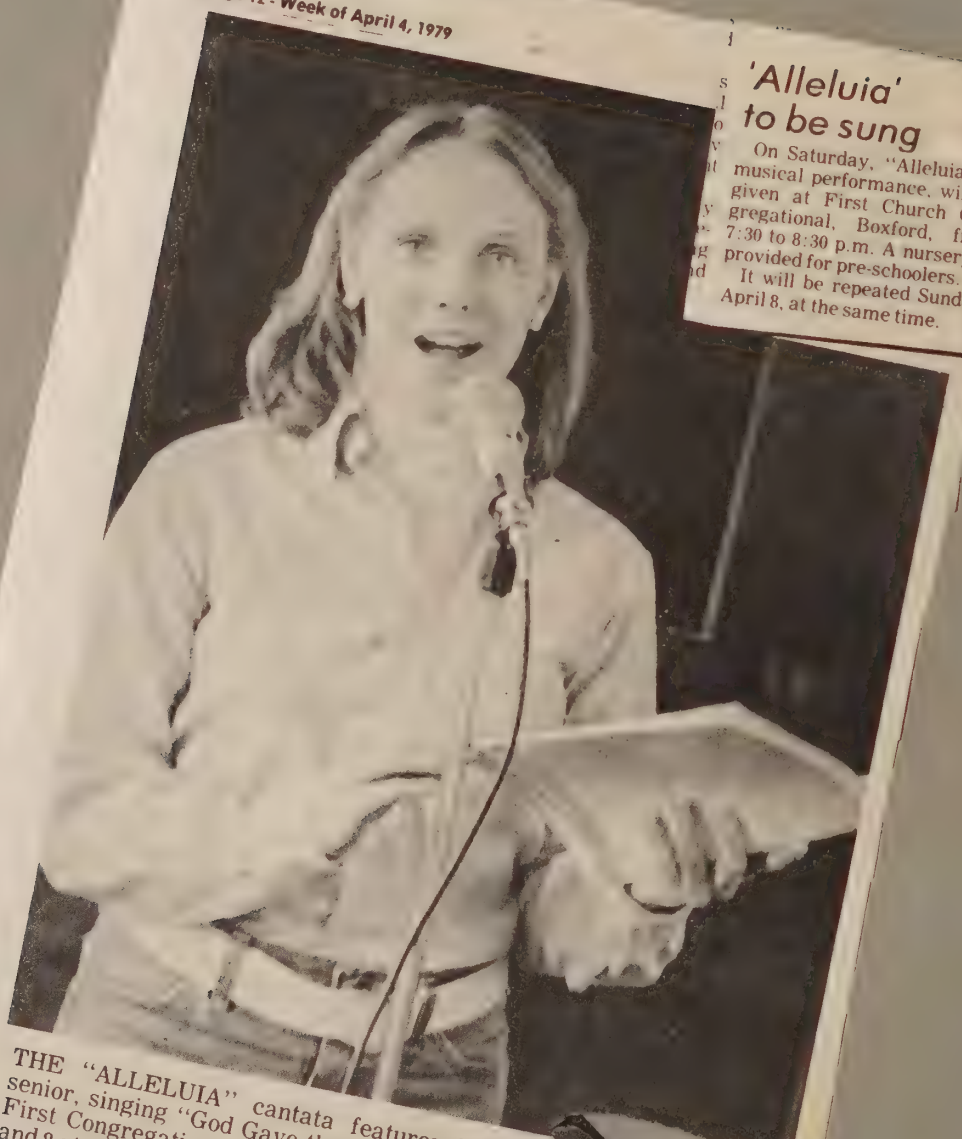
Rev.

Rev. Ellsworth Cowens & Family

'Alleluia' to be sung

On Saturday, "Alleluia," a musical performance, will be given at First Church Congregational, Boxford, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. A nursery is provided for pre-schoolers.

It will be repeated Sunday, April 8, at the same time.



THE "ALLELUIA" cantata features Diane Tilley, Masconomet senior, singing "God Gave the Song." "Alle' will be given t the Boxford on A il 7 First Congregational Church, Georgetown and 8 at 7:30 p.m. The community is invit (Photo by Don Davis)

July 4, 1961 - The United Church of Christ declared in full force after Gen. Council of Cong. Christian Churches and Synods of Evangelical Reformed Churches had ratified the new Constitution of the United Church of Christ.

One of the 12 delegates to the General Council June 29-July 2, 1961 from the Essex South Assn of the Mass. Cong. Christian Conference was Miss Winnifred E. Parkhurst of [illegible] Church of [illegible]

23? Porch at Vestry door built.

Notes -1-

1956. F.B.S. ptd. over $900. on Parsonage - new kitchenette etc.

1956-1957 - [illegible]

1957-1958 - New kitchen (furniture + equipment) under Chmn of Mrs. Parkhurst for furniture. New toilets, sidewalk pavement. (Est. $8,000.) [illegible] and dishes + kitchen: 1 set knives. Est. kitchen $406.55. F.B.S. ptd. 1/3

1958 - New Church toilets north end Chapel basement

1958 - Church + Parish Gen. municipal parking report.

1959 - Tape Recorder given Church, mem. Mrs Ellis F. Church.

1959. Hi Fi record player + amplifier given Church by Mr. + Mrs. Robert Davies.

1959 Church Historian elected for 1st time - W. Parkhurst.

1959 - Heifer Project - Discussed, heifer accepted & farming

1959. Gen. W. Parkhurst resigned as Trustee Ministerial Fund. Paul E. Edwards elected to fill position

1959. Robert B. Parkhurst made Deacon Emeritus after 2-3 yrs. 1952-1955.

Aug. 1959. Dr. Chas. L. Atwood preached Old Home Sermon

June 1959. United Church of Christ adopts Articles of Faith of Atlanta, Ga.

May 1959 - 1st [illegible] week plan "Strength through Council of Churches"

Dec. 1959 - Deacon Emeritus + W. Parkhurst died

1960. Lunch + coffee for ministers, guest + invited next dinner [illegible]

1960. Deacon Franklin [illegible] resigned, [illegible]

1960 - Church + Campus Families [illegible] + Invitation viewed over)

Boxford church to celebrate Passover

A Jewish Passover for Christians will be held on Sunday, April 24, at 9 a.m. at the First Church Congregational in Boxford.

Roy Schwartz, a representative from the American Board of Missions to the Jews, will be the speaker. A guest in Boxford this weekend, he will lead the Passover demonstration.

There will be no Sunday school classes and all children, adults and friends of the church are invited to participate in the special service.

Called "Christ in the Passover," it will be a "sermonic demonstration" given to show "how Christ fulfilled the typology inherent in the ancient feast."

The traditional items will be set on the table, the speaker will don the costume of the Orthodox Jew, and explain the items and procedures of the Seder feast which predates the birth of Christ by 1,500 years.

Special emphasis will be given to the redemptive significance of each item, and the meaning of the gestures of Christ at the Last Supper will be told.

The unleavened bread, Passover wine, and the procedure relating the two shed light on the meaning of the Christian communion, church officials say. Much of what Schwartz says is from the standpoint of Jewish family training which has been brought into focus by his theological training as a Christian minister.

'Love in Action'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 4, 1977

Sponsored by Church Women United

The 1977 World Day of Prayer service was prepared by women of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) for the International Committee for the World Day of Prayer and sent by that Committee to national WDP committees all around the world. Church Women United is one of these and has been designated by the International Committee as the official sponsor for the World Day of Prayer in the United States.

Opening hymn: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Old Hundredth

CALL TO PRAYER

Voice 1: Love in Action. Under this theme Christian women from the German Democratic Republic call for meditation and for prayer.

Voice 2: Since God, out of love for this world, never ceases to hope, we can affirm:

All: Love gives hope!

Voice 2: Since Jesus Christ, out of love for this world, gave his life, we can affirm:

All: Love risks life!

Voice 2: Since the Holy Spirit incites us to love, we can affirm:

All: Love becomes action!

I. LOVE GIVES HOPE

Voice 1: How great is the love that the Father has shown to us! We were called God's children, and such we are. . . . —I John 3:1

Voice 2: God grants every person a unique value. He entrusts this value to us—to guard it carefully and to develop it in every way.

Voice 3: God has hope for us. God gives hope to us. Therefore we have hope for one another, for we all belong to God.

Voice 1: God believes we are capable of keeping these commandments:
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not commit murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false evidence against your neighbor.
You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.

Dear Brothers

At our meet
reviewed the c
had a concern
for 1977 would
almost half of
We attempted t
a real possibi[illegible] will end 1977 with a deficit. However, the problem is not insurmountable, and with a bit of extra effort on the part of our membership, we can end the year fiscally whole. We thought that you would want to know of this situation, and we are hoping that you may be in a position to help. If some of us could make an extra gift of even $10.00 or $15.00 before December 31st when our books close, we can complete all of our obligations, and enter 1978 free from any past deficit. We are asking that you prayerfully consider this request, and if you can see your way clear to do so, an extra gift would be most appreciated. We would request that you simply include your extra gift in your regular weekly offering envelope, or mail it to the church. We are hoping that you can help.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season, I am,

Yours in Christ,

Chuck Springer, Chmn.,
Finance and Legal Committee

David + Goliath

Characters: King Saul — acted by
David — acted by
Goliath — acted by
Eliab — acted by
Armor Bearer — acted by
Soldier — acted by

Scenes:

1. The challenge
2. David's visit to the Army
3. King Saul and David
4. David challenges Goliath

Wanda Shaw after Church Supper
Nanette make during the Sunday School "Black Week" 1977

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

For Thanksgiving Service

Oh God, God of our Fathers,
We give thanks
For our forefathers who braved the raging seas,
the winter cold, the strangeness of a new land,
that they might hold fast to their worship of Thee;
For our first leaders who struggled, fought, and died
that that freedom would be forever established in
this country, and for those who have since died to
maintain it;
For those who saw all men as brothers and took the
first bitter steps in our never ending struggle
to cease oppression of our fellow men;
For those who built our homes, schools, and churches,
even this church, and passed faith, hope, and love
from generation to generation.

Oh God, our God,
We give thanks
For the beauty around us--the blaze of autumn,
the silent snow, the color of spring, for water,
and stones, and earth;
For the plenty with which we are so richly blessed--
trees heavy with fruit, fields of golden wheat
and corn, storehouses never empty;
For the love ever surrounding us--the wisdom of our
elders, the trust of our children, the compassion
of one human for another, even the faith of an
animal;
For the age in which we live--an age of comfort,
medical skill, communication, and travel,
art, music, and dance.

Oh God, God of Hope,
We give thanks
For knowledge yet to be learned, cures for all
illness, sufficient energy, hidden in our earth,
and for the intelligence of our children who
will do the seeking;
For worlds still to be discovered, from the
vastness of space to the inner reaches of the
microscope, and for those with the ability to
do the searching;
For the unlimited potential of the human mind,
even surpassing time and space, and for
those strong enough to venture into this
unknown realm;
For the open gate, the path from earth to
heaven we have named Death, and for the
certainty that it leads only to Thee.

Helen Wallace
Thanksgiving 1977

275th Anniversary of our Church

FIRST CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL
BOXFORD

Jan. 1, 1978

1702 to 1977

Come to this town 275 years ago. Hear of the beginning of our Boxford Church.

In the summer of 1702 the people of Boxford decided they no longer wished to belong to the Topsfield Church. They wanted a church of their own. So "sundry persons" made application for dismissal from the Topsfield Church in order to organize a church of their own in Boxford. This application was made on September 25, 1702.

Now it is October 4, nine days later. It is a Wednesday afternoon, clear and crisp. Men and women are walking out of the doorway of the Topsfield Meeting House, for the meeting of dismissal is just at an end.

Eleven men have received dismissal:

John Perley	Samuel Foster
Thomas Hazen	Daniel Wood
Josiah Hale	John Peabody
Thomas Redington	Abraham Redington
John Styles	Jonathan Byxbee

Luke Hovey

If you were there you could see the joy on their faces and their determination to go ahead with their plans. Now they are free to form their own church.

Plans have already been made and much has been done.

Already the meeting house is built on land given by Thomas and Abraham Redington,- on the small hill the place marked "by a stump with stones laid upon it upon the northerly side of the thorn bushes."

Already they had called Rev. Thomas Symmes to be their minister.

And so on December 30, 1702, they took the final step. They organized the Boxford Church

Thus a step forward was taken by our church ancestors. Mr Symmes was ordained that same day, December 30, 1702. By the end of the following April the church had fifty members. Mr. Symmes remained as pastor in Boxford for six years, and then accepted a call to the Bradford Church.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
HAROLD R. "JACK" JOHNSON
January 3, 1915 – May 7, 1978
First Church Congregational
Boxford, Massachusetts
May 13, 1978 – 1 P.M.

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship
Invocation
Lord's Prayer

Hymn: O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home!
Amen.

Scripture Readings: The Psalms, Romans 8, I Cor. 13

Hymn: Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today:

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

Pastoral Prayers

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Hymn: Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.
Amen

Organ Postlude

To

William Richard Huber

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The First Church, Congregational

Boxford, Massachusetts

May 5, 1978

Dear Friends,

We are having a party and you are cordially invited to help us celebrate! The occasion will honor Dick and Barbara Huber's five years of service here at the First Church and send them into their new ministry with all the love and support we can give.

We want our celebration to be a very special and memorable time for them so we have planned an afternoon reception on Sunday, June 25th at 4 p.m. in the Church Vestry. That, as you may know, is their last Sunday with us. There will be light refreshments and plenty of time for each of us to tell the Hubers how much they have meant to us, personally and collectively, these past few years. There will be time for warm fellowship and memories, fond farewells, and time to wish them well as they head north to Maine. We sincerely hope you will mark that date on your calendar and join us for the festivities.

As a remembrance of their service here and as a token of our affection, we will be presenting the Hubers with a gift that afternoon. If you would like to contribute toward that gift, please send or give your donation to Nancy Ferguson, church secretary, by Sunday, May 14. It would be helpful to us if you made your check payable to Nancy.

Once again, we really do hope that you will join us for the party on June 25th.

Sincerely,

Ellie Peterson and Judy Tyson, Chairmen
Jan Beckerleg
Nancy Ferguson
Margaret Lane
Marian Lindsay
Connie Milley
Diane Milley
Jan Warner

FIRST CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL

BOXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

June 6, 1978

Dear Members and friends of First Church:

Your Pastoral Supply Committee is extremely happy to recommend to you the calling of the Rev. Stuart C. Nutter to become the 25th pastor of First Church Congregational.

Mr. Nutter has been minister of the First Congregational Church in Woburn, Mass. since January 1974, following a four year period as stated-supply minister of the Lower Buffalo and Avella First Presbyterian Churches, Avella, Pa. Prior to this, he served as pastor of churches in Westport and South Foxboro, Mass. He was ordained into the Christian ministry by the United Church of Christ in 1968.

Forty-two years of age, Mr. Nutter is a graduate of Point Loma College (formerly Pasadena College) and holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological School. He has done graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and has a Theology Masters in Pastoral Theology from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Stuart and his wife Joan are natives of Massachusetts. They have two boys — Jonathan, age 14, and Matthew, age 10. The Nutters are a close-knit family who enjoy a number of outdoor activities together such as camping, cross-country skiing, hiking, jogging and sailing.

Each of the five members of the Pastoral Supply Committee believes that Mr. Nutter's unique gifts in the areas of preaching, teaching and pastoring equip him most effectively for the ministerial needs of our congregation at the present time.

The committee is impressed with his firm grasp of Biblical principles and the sound and unified theology that he expresses with exceptional clarity. He is well equipped to handle our pastoral counseling needs by virtue of his extensive education and experience in this area. We are confident that his personal characteristics will make him an excellent example for our congregation and an effective witness in our community.

The main thrust of Mr. Nutter's ministry is aligned with his perception of the purpose of the church. First in priority is the proclamation of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the development of a personal relationship with God among believers. Following this in order of importance is Christian growth through worship of God and obedience to His word, working out our faith in family relationships and in fellowship with other Christians in the body of Christ. From this base, we are equipped for service in the church and in the world through the ministries and gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

He believes that these priorities are essential to a growing and thriving church, and if we order our lives by them we will grow. The Apostle Paul expressed the purpose of the church this way:

> "Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ."
>
> Col. 1:28

Mr. Nutter's theological starting point is the Bible, which he accepts as the inspired Word of God. The Bible is his only rule and guide in faith and practice. His sermons are firmly based on the Bible and always related to daily living.

Series on faith lifting

TTT 1/10/79

A faith lifting series will begin Jan. 30 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the First Church Congregational in Boxford and run for 10 weeks through April 3.

It will be taught by Roger Nicole, professor of theology at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, whose topic will be "apologetics," a defense of the Christian faith employing evidences based on the dictates of reason.

He will use the text "Evidence that Demands a Verdict," by Joshua McDowell, available at the church for $5. It is recommended, but not required.

There is no tuition, but participants are urged to give their prayer support, at least once a week for faith lifting, and to become a sponsor ($10 or more, $15 a couple), contributor ($5-$10, $10 a couple), or donor ($1-$5, $5 a couple).

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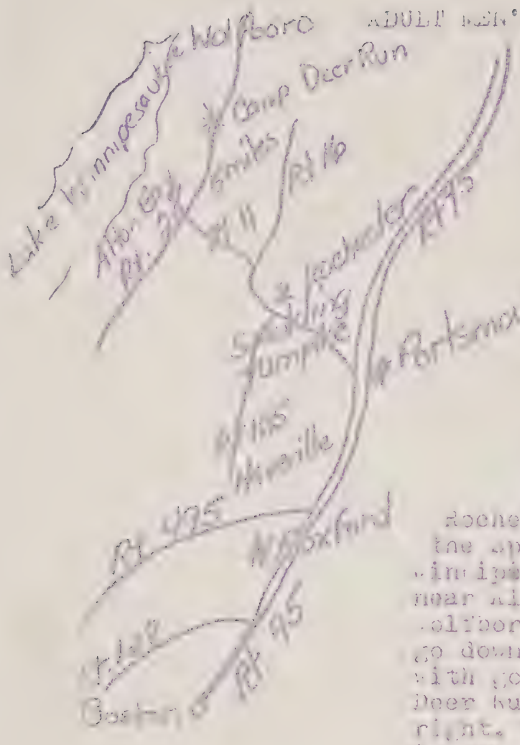

ADULT MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 to SUNDAY, OCT. 15

at Camp Brookwood/ Camp Deer Run
Alton, New Hampshire

tel. 603 - 875-3600

Driving directions: takes approx 1½ hr

Car pools are encouraged. If you need a ride or have extra room in your car please call Sally Wood (887-5840)

Take route 95 north to Spaulding Turnpike in Portsmouth. (Or take Rt. 97 to 125N in Haverille, taking the by-pass in Rochester which is the Spaulding Turnpike.) In Rochester pick up Route 11 which is exit 15 on the Sp. Turnpike, sayin Farmington, Alton, Winnipesaukee. Take Rt. 11 west. At traffic circle near Alton take Rt. 28 North toward Ossipee and Wolfboro for 5 miles (passing rt. 28A junction), go down a curvy hill. On the left is a sign, black with gold letters saying Camp Brookwoods/Camp Deer Run. Turn in left, go about one mile, bear right. There is a house on the left and a camp sign on the right. Go straight into camp. Deer Run Lodge is on the left.

1. Plan to arrive(after supper) around 7 p.m.There will be a meeting that night and cocoa and doughnuts.
2. Bring your own sleeping bag or bedding and pillow. The lodge is heated.
3. No alcoholic beverages or smoking are allowed in the buildings or immediate surroundings.
4. Meals are served family style in a lodge at 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed at each meal to set the table, serve, and clear; one volunteer for each table.
5. The diningroom is a walk down the road from the sleeping lodge so bring clothing suitable for cool weather or rain, and reasonable walking shoes.
6. The meals are plentiful and excellent but if anyone wants to bring goodies etc. for late night snacking, fine.
7. Saturday afternoon is free time... for a boat trip around Lake Winnipesaukee, fishing, antiquing, tennis, shopping, a trip to Wolfboro etc.
8. Departure is before 3 p.m. on Sunday

The First Church, Congregational

Boxford, Massachusetts

September 18, 1978

Dear Margaret,

Have you ever asked yourself, "Why is there Sunday School?" Do I really believe that what I am about to teach the children will really make a difference in their lives. (I know the answer already because your life has been changed by asking Jesus to be the Savior and Lord of your life - and your life was re-directed from that moment on.) Now how is that change going to happen in the lives of the young people entrusted to me this year?

First, pray that through Christ you and I may become instruments of that redemptive process.

Second, know that "Christian Education" means a well prepared lesson plan, accompanied by a -

Third, loving, caring person - You.

Even God was not able to teach human children about love save through the living, breathing, serving, dying person of Christ. That encourages us as teachers to sometimes set aside the subject "Content" of our sessions long enough to put our arms around a child because we can best teach love by loving. The classroom experience is only one part in the whole educational process. Other channels include cantatas, puppet shows, fellowship, service projects, dinners, picnics, worship, celebrations, etc. These are all means through which children can be drawn into - and nurtured in - the Body of Christ. And I encourage you to have contact with your class at times other than Sunday mornings. Christian learning may occur in our planned educational opportunities, some result from experiences planned for other purposes and some from unplanned experiences or personal relationships.

I think our Mission project this year will help you to find opportunities to be with the children in an informal unstructured setting. The Board of Christian Education has approved of a plan adopting C.I.T.A. as our "Christian Concern". We will have an "Ingathering Sunday" at Thanksgiving and at Christmas our gifts will be brought for the men at C.I.T.A. In addition, we would like each class to have a project to personally raise money for C.I.T.A. It can be a car wash, a bake sale, a clean-up project asking people to sponsor them for so much trash collected, etc. Your children will have good ideas, and if you follow their ideas, the success of their venture will be assured because they will want to see it come to fruition. On October 8 Rev. Reason and some of the youths at C.I.T.A. will be at First Church. Grades 4 - 12 and their teachers will meet together in room 28 from 9 - 9:45. We'll have a short talk by Rev. REason, see some slides of the life at C.I.T.A. (does anyone know where I can get a slide projector?) and we'll have an opportunity to talk to and ask questions of the boys directly. Hopefully this exchange will develop an interest in C.I.T.A. and a personal commitment to support God's work at this center.

Some important dates to pray for:

Tuesday, September 19 - our one and only Sunday School teachers meeting with Mr. Dan Ryder, David C. Cook representative, who will help us teach the Sunday School material most effectively.

The First Church, Congregational

Boxford, Massachusetts

October 23, 1978

Beloved Members and Friends of First Church:

As we enter this time of stewardship reflection, may God help you to abound in the grace of giving.
"....see that ye abound in this grace also," 2 Cor. 8:7

Remember that if you sow sparingly, you will reap sparingly. (2 Cor. 9:6) To be liberal is logical, satisfying and always challenging.

Money is not evil. The giving of it is a spiritual act and is an indication of our spiritual warmth. The Lord watches today even as he did when on earth.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury," Mark 12:41.

With this letter you will find your Pledge Card for 1979. Also indicated is our theme for our pledging campaign. Bring your pledge card to Church on Sunday, November 5, 1978. If you cannot attend, mail your pledge card to the church. Before or after the worship service, we request that you join us in our "overflowing cup" ceremony in which you will pour a cup of grain, which will be provided, into our congregational basket to demonstrate "give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over."

Won't you ask God to guide you in making your decision about proper stewardship? Make Him, who was rich and yet for your sakes became poor, the Lord of your entire life.

In Christian Love,

Denver E. Wallace, Chairman
Christian Enlistment Committee

DEW/ncf

for unto you is born a Saviour

FIRST CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL
BOXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Christmas, 1978

Dear Friend,

"Joy to the World! the Lord is Come." These words penned by Isaac Watts some two hundred and fifty-nine years ago express the real meaning of Christmas. For those of us who believe, there is joy in knowing the Savior. This joy is the fulfillment of our Lord's promise when he said, "Your hearts will rejoice and no one will take your joy from you."

This is an especially joyful Christmas for us because God has led us here. We do praise and thank God for our many new friends here in Boxford. We thank Him for the church. We thank Him for our new home.

We are confident that God has brought us together to fulfill His purpose, and that we are going to witness many blessings in Him. This is especially important in these troubled times, times in which many people have lost their sense of right and wrong and find it easier to believe a lie rather than the truth, times in which personal lives and families are falling apart. This kind of world needs Committed Christians. Remember twelve men and a few women changed the course of history.

You can help. You can make a difference, if you have a living relationship with Jesus Christ because He is the answer to the troubles of this world. But before you can help others you must be strengthened in your own relationship with Him and with the body of Christ.

We look forward to an exciting time of worship Christmas Sunday, both in the morning hour and at our 8:00 o'clock evening service of carols. It is our hope and prayer that this time together will set the tone for your entire Christmas celebration so that amidst all the preparations and festivities, the focus will be on the birth of Jesus and that this Christmas will be a real spiritual experience for you.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. If the words of this carol express the meaning of Christmas, they also go on to call for a definite response. "Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room." Make room in your heart for the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ was born in the world so that the world might be born again in Him. Joy to the World!

The Nutters

No. 5852

THE WEATHER cooperated for the annual luncheon meeting and pool party of the Ladies Benevolent Society of First Church Congregational in Boxford held at Fran Nelson's last week. From left are Marge Toomey, Marie Coady, Mary Gamble, Fran Nelson, Rosamond Lord, and Amy Parkhurst.

OTHER GUESTS for the party included, at left, Isabelle Newhall, Dot Adams, and Ethel 'Pete' Houser who paused for a minute by the diving board.

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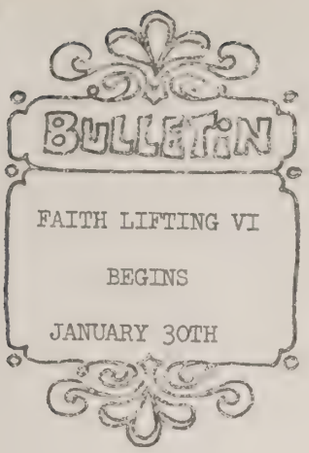

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 Tuesdays beginning January 30
Topic: Apologetics. (A defense of the Christian faith employing evidences based on the dictates of reason.)
Teacher: Dr. Roger Nicole, professor of Theology at Gordon-Conwell Seminary.
Tuition: There will be no tuition but donations will be accepted. See form below.
Text: Josh. McDowell Evidence That Demands A Verdict. Copies will be made available at the church for $5.00. This text is recommended but not required.
Termination: The course will run for ten weeks concluding April 3.

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Subject: Apologetics Teacher: Dr. Roger Nicole

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This service was prepared by students in the Pan-African Leadership Course for Women at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, Kitwe, Zambia. The writers send this message: "Our warm greetings to all the Christians around the world who are coming together from different places for the World Day of Prayer in 1979. We hope that the voices of women at the Pan-African leadership course in Mindolo can be heard in solidarity with the voices of women throughout the world as we pray together."

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